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1. PRESENTATION REFTEL APPEARS BALANCED TO US AND PROVIDES SOUND PLATFORM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SYRIANS. WHILE IDEALLY IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO WAIT FOR BOUTROS' REACTIONS TO HIS TALKS WITH ASSAD AND KHADDAM YESTERDAY SO THAT OUR DEMARCHE COULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY SYRIAN-LEBANESE AGREEMENT WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED, IT PROBABLY DOES NOT MATTER THAT MUCH, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RESUMED FIGHTING LAST NIGHT. ALSO AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, I HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF SEEING KHADDAM TODAY THAN TOMORROW.

2. INTEND THEREFORE TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS I HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS REGARDING US THINKING BEHIND THE LONDON MEETING. I WOULD ALSO INFORM KHADDAM THAT ASST SECRETARY SAUNDERS EXPECTS TO SEE AMBASSADOR KABBANI LATER IN THE DAY AND PRESENT TO HIM OUR APOLOGIES FOR YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT AT THE SYRIAN EMBASSY.
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